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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 17, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered and is addressed below. The application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects all currently pending claims (i.e., claims 65-78) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over Stuart (2005/0055519) in view of Margolus (2004/0167898). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as, for the reasons discussed below, each of claims 65-78 patentably distinguishes over the asserted combination of Stuart and Margolus.